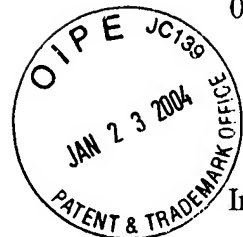


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Application No.: 10/017,096)	TC/Art Unit: 2854
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PROCESSING METHOD,)	
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Sir:

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents also are enclosed.

Please notice that an English translation of JP 2000-81959 is attached thereto. Also, U.S. Patent No. 5,826,244 and U.S. Patent No. 6,078,906 are in the same patent family as JP 9-114907, which is mentioned on page 1 of the specification.

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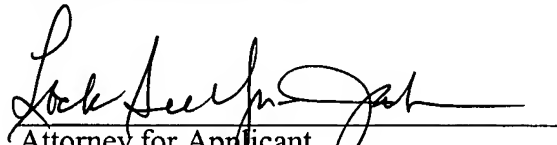
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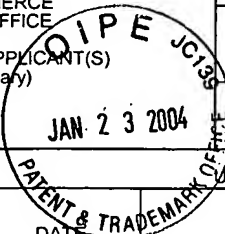
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